REMARKS

Claims 1, 4, 5, 6, 8, 10-19, 22-31, 33, 35, 38-47, and 49 are pending in the present application. By this Response, claims 1, 4, 8, 19, 22, 33, 35, 38 and 49 are amended. Claims 2, 3, 7, 9, 20, 21, 32, 34, 36, 37, 48 and 50 are canceled.

Claim 1 is amended to include the features of claims 2 and 3. Claim 4 is amended to include the features of claims 7 and 9. Claim 19 is amended to include the features of claims 20 and 21. Claim 22 is amended to include the features of claims 32 and 34. Claim 35 is amended to include the features of claims 36 and 37. Claim 38 is amended to include the features of claims 48 and 50. Claims 8, 33 and 49 are amended to be consistent with amended claims 4, 22 and 35, respectively.

No new matter is added by the above amendments. Reconsideration of the claims in view of the above amendments and the following Remarks is respectfully requested.

I. Response to Arguments

The Examiner states in the Final Office Action that claims 1, 4, 5, 6, 8, 10-19, 22-31, 33, 35, 38-47, and 49 would be allowable if the limitations of claims 2 and 3 are added to independent claim 1, claims 7 and 9 are added to independent claim 4, claims 20 and 21 are added to independent claim 19, claims 32 and 34 are added to independent claim 22, claims 36 and 37 are added to independent claim 35, and claims 48 and 50 are added to independent claim 38.

By this Response, Applicants amended claims 1, 4, 19, 22, 35 and 38 to include the features of respective dependent claims, as suggested by the Examiner. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully submit that claims 1, 4, 5, 6, 8, 10-19, 22-31, 33, 35, 38-47, and 49 are in condition for allowance.

II. Conclusion

It is respectfully urged that the subject application is now in condition for allowance. The Examiner is invited to call the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number if in the opinion of the Examiner such a telephone conference would expedite or aid the prosecution and examination of this application.

Respectfully submitted,

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